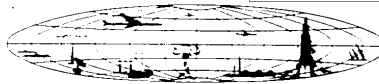


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, USAF

THROUGH: TALENT Control Officer, USAF

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SUBJECT: Ground/Road Pattern Near Plesetsk, USSR

REFERENCES: (a) Requirement AFIC-25-61  
(b) NPIC Project JN-248/61

1. This memorandum is in response to a request for a photo analysis of a ground/road pattern located at 62-44N 40-27E, 5 nautical miles north-east of Plesetsk, USSR.

2. A description of the pattern follows (Figure 1): At a right angle from the Plestsy/Kochmas road, an access road extends southeast for 820 feet, turns and continues south for 1,420 feet, and turns back southeast for 330 feet. Approximately 370 feet from where it turns south, the road is intersected by a roughly perpendicular road. At each end of the intersecting road is a scarred area. The centers of these two scarred areas are 1,150 feet apart, and each area is equidistant from the access road.

3. The access road and the scarred area to the left are visible on KEYHOLE photography of [REDACTED] No change in this portion of the pattern is discernible on the photography of [REDACTED]  
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4. The function of this ground/road pattern cannot be determined from the photography. However, a comparison of it with identified Soviet ICBM launch areas rules it out as a possible ICBM launch area, for the following reasons:

- a. The only access to the pattern is from the north; access to known ICBM launch areas is from the south. The large unidentified complex near Plesetsk (see NPIC/R-4/61) is located 10 nm north of this pattern.
- b. There is no evidence of launch support structures.
- c. The road pattern is inadequate.
- d. The access road is equidistant from the scarred areas. In known ICBM launch areas the access road is offset from center.
- e. No evidence of construction activity in the 7-month period between coverages is apparent.

5. The area is covered by the following photography:



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Figure 1. Location of Ground/Road Pattern Near Plesetsk.

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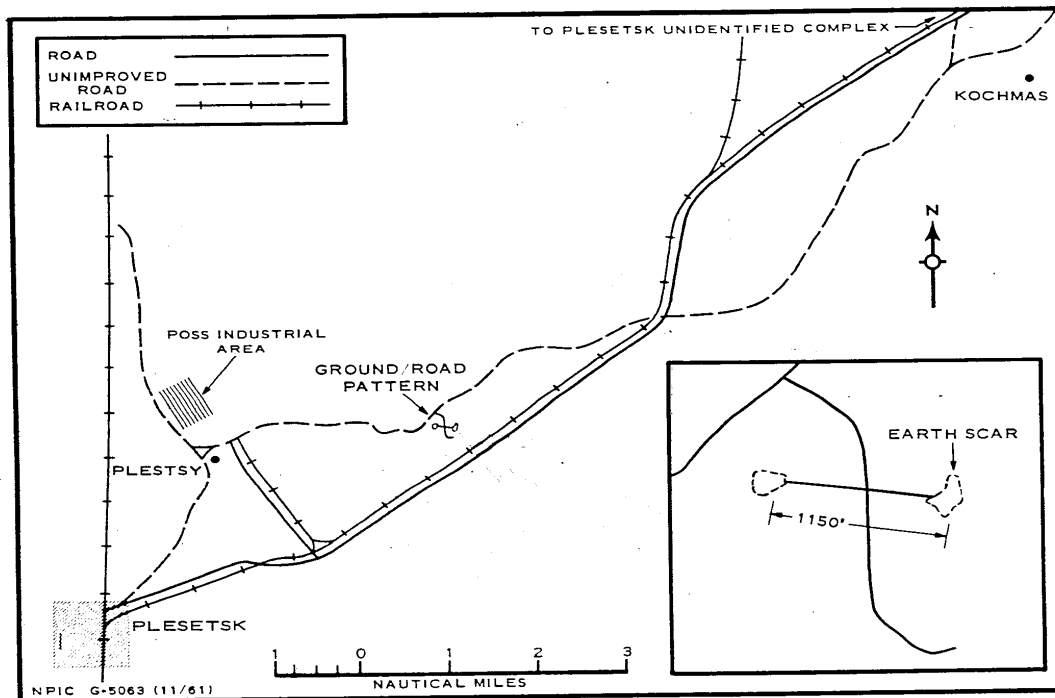


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF GROUND/ROAD PATTERN NEAR PLESETSK. Inset shows configuration of this pattern.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Research and Reports  
(CIA/ORR)

THROUGH : TALENT Control Officer, CIA/ORR

ATTENTION :

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SUBJECT : Possible SAM Launch Site Near Cheremkhovo,  
USSR

REFERENCES : (a) Requirement DDI/RR/E/R-68/61  
(b) NPIC Project JN-304/61

This memorandum answers a request for a description of a possible SAM launch site at 52-56N 103-17E, approximately 14 nautical miles south-east of Cheremkhovo, USSR, appearing on KEYHOLE photography of . A circular pattern approximately 1,150 feet in diameter is visible, but no details are discernible, and this site cannot be confirmed or denied as a possible SAM site from this photography.

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